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THEREOF

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1), applicants hereby petition the Director of the Patent and Trademark Office for a two-month extension of time to respond to an Office Action. Applicants have authorized the Director to charge payment of the Extension fee. With the extension, a response is due on or before March 31, 2008. Accordingly, this Reply is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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